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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BUSY SESSION!

This is the last issue of The Interim until next spring. We hope our second volume has been of value to all the readers. The inclusion of meeting calendars during the year proved to be one of the really popular additions. As always, we appreciate your comments and suggestions; let us at the Legislative Council know what you think. We hope all of you have a happy holiday season and a successful legislative session.

### JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

#### JOINT RULES RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Rules Committee met following the legislative caucuses to give Council staff final instructions concerning the drafting of the Joint Resolution adopting the 1981 Joint Rules. As a result of caucus votes, the following items were adopted by the Joint Rules Committee and will be presented to the full Legislature.

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1. Limit each legislator to five bill requests after the session starts - no limit prior to the session.
2. Resolutions not required by law to be approved by the respective Rules Committee before introduction.
3. The automatic effective date of nonmoney bills to be changed to October 1.
4. The Chief Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate to be appointed rather than elected.
5. The originating House is to have only 5 days to act on a veto message received during a session.
6. Roll call votes, including votes adopting adverse committee reports, second reading, etc., and votes on amendments offered in Committee of the Whole will be printed in the Journal.

7. Interim studies to be done by subcommittees of standing committees rather than by special select committees.
8. Copies of standing committee minutes will be filed with the Law Library rather than with the majority and minority leaders.
9. A study of permanent legislative staff salaries will be made.
10. The leadership will be asked to develop uniform standards for the content and format of committee minutes.
11. All amendments offered in Committee of the Whole will be identified and filed with the Law Library upon adjournment.
12. Amendments made to a bill by the second House will be referred back to the original committee that heard the bill before consideration by Committee of the Whole in the first House.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

##### LEGISLATIVE INTERNS SELECTED

The Legislative Council met December 1 and selected 11 Legislative Interns to serve during the 1981 session. They are: from the University of Montana, Cathie Nelson, James Ledakis, Joan Peterson, and Tim Stearns; from Montana State University, Robert Melgaard; from Eastern Montana College, Bryce B. Johnson; from Western Montana College, Joe Womack; from Montana Tech, Douglas Mickelberry; from Rocky Mountain College, Joel Hardy and Mary J. McDonough; and from the College of Great Falls, Jeffrey L. Ginalias.

The Interns were assigned to legislative sponsors. Each intern and sponsor was notified the week of the selection. A roster of 1981 interns and sponsors is available from the Legislative Council offices.

##### REP. AZZARA FILLS VACANCY

Representative James Azzara was appointed to replace Representative Dan Kemmis on the Select Subcommittee on Economic Problems. Both are Democrats from Missoula.

##### INFORMATION NEEDED SOON

Legislators who have not yet done so are asked to please complete and return to the Legislative Council all of the informational forms in their caucus packets. The Council especially needs the W-4 form information for payroll purposes and the blue "Legislator Information" form in order that legislative pamphlets, including the telephone directory, may be printed.

HOUSING  
AVAILABLE

The Legislative Council has several recent listings of homes, apartments, and rooms still available for rent to legislators. Call Kathy at 449-3064 and tell her what you are looking for. She'll put you in touch with the owner.

SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

MEETING WITH  
ANACONDA  
OFFICERS AND  
CONGRESSIONAL  
DELEGATION

This Committee, appointed by the Legislative Council to inquire into the economic problems that caused and were caused by the closures of the smelter at Anaconda and the refinery at Great Falls, organized on November 20. Scheduled for Friday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the state Senate Chambers is a meeting with top officers of the Anaconda Company and members of the Montana Congressional delegation. On Saturday, December 29, at 9:00 a.m., representatives of other Montana industries and of Anaconda Aluminum will be invited to give the Subcommittee their opinions on the impact of legislation and government on business and industry.

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

BILLS PROPOSE  
CHANGES IN  
RETIREMENT  
LAWS

The Interim Study Committee on Public Retirement Systems held its final meeting November 10, 1980, to review draft legislation. Two bills, LC 152 and LC 358, were accepted for recommendation to the 47th Legislature.

LC 152 provides an automatic cost-of-living increase and a minimum monthly benefit to certain members of the Public Employees', Teachers', Highway Patrol, Sheriffs', Game Wardens', and Municipal Police Officers' Retirement Systems. The increase is based on a percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index applied to a portion of active employees' salary. The minimum monthly benefit is \$350 or \$500, depending on the retirement system's social security coverage. Both the increase and the minimum benefit will be funded through employee and employer contributions, appropriations from the general fund and coal tax trust fund interest, driver's license fees, and insurance premium taxes.

LC 358 increases the state contribution to the disability and pension funds of the fire department relief associations. The bill also funds the escalator provision for service, disability, and survivorship pensions from the insurance premium taxes for firefighters retired after July 1, 1973.

## WATER RESOURCES AND ADJUDICATION OVERSIGHT

### FINAL MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 12

The Water Resources and Adjudication Oversight Committee will hold its final meeting on Friday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol. The Committee will discuss a wide range of water-related issues and make its final recommendations.

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

### EQC MEETS WITH HEALTH BOARD

On November 7, 1980, the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) met with the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences to obtain information on the adoption of the new ambient air standards.

The discussion included a review of the development of the regulations, public and industry input, economic considerations, health effects, technology, and enforceability.

A representative of the Water Quality Bureau presented the proposed regulations on nondegradation and solicited input from the Council members.

Work continued with a representative of the National Conference of State Legislatures on the small scale hydro bill drafting. Issues considered were industrial development financing, tax liability, dam safety, utility regulation and rates, and water leasing.

The Council directed the staff to gather laws and information pursuant to litter control. The intent is to provide members with background for possible legislation.

On the same day, the Environmental Quality Council met with the Legislative Council to establish a subcommittee which will consider issues arising from the recent closure of the Anaconda Copper Company facilities.

## LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

### MEETING

The Legislative Audit Committee will meet December 19, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.


### REPORTS

The committee will review financial/compliance audit reports of the Teachers' Retirement System, Department of Revenue\*, Eastern Montana College\*, Western Montana College\*, Crime Control Division\*, Miles Community College\*, and Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology\*. (\*Contract audits)

REPORTS  
AVAILABLE

Copies of all reports are available from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol, telephone 449-3122.

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR  
MONTH DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RM. 104	2	3	4	5 CONSUMER COUNSEL RM. 104 10:00 am	6
7	8	9	10	11 SENATE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION RM. 104 10:00 am	12 WATER RM. 104 9:00 am	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE RM 104 9:00 am	20 SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SENATE CHAMB. 9:00 am
21	22	23	24	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29	30	31			





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